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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-9 and 11 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 7-9, 11, drawn to offset cancellation, classified in class 327, subclass 307.
- II. Claims 1-6, drawn to switching amplifier, classified in class 330, subclass 9.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the claimed combination does not recite the particulars of the subcombination. The subcombination has separate utility such as first, second, third and fourth switches, first and second capacitors, and a differential pair.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Claim Objections

Claims 2-6 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 2, page 4, line 5, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 2, page 4, line 7, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 3, page 5, line 5, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 3, page 5, line 8, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 4, page 7, line 13, "fifth" should correctly be -- fourth --.

Claim 4, page 7, line 14, "fifth" should correctly be -- fourth --.

Claim 5, page 8, line 2, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 5, page 8, line 4, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 5, page 8, line 19, "fifth" should correctly be -- fourth --.

Claim 5, page 8, line 20, "fifth" should correctly be -- fourth --.

Claim 6, page 9, line 9, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 6, page 9, line 12, "each of" should be deleted.

Claim 6, page 9, line 5, "fifth" should correctly be -- fourth --.

Claim 6, page 9, line 6, "fifth" should correctly be -- fourth --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1767. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bob Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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